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SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, in addition to what has already been said for this bill, I rise in support of it, for the reason that as a new member of the Legislature I felt that we should probably have a little orientation when we come down here as to what this is all about, and what we should be doing, and what we shouldn't be doing, and getting our books as to the rules and so forth. However, I would throw in one suggestion for those of us who live as far as some of us do, I was wondering if there was any providing of expenses for one extra trip, since this does involve quite a little bit of money for some of us. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Question. Mr. President, question of Senator Mahoney please.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Yes Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Senator Mahoney, can you tell us, based upon the experience in the other states, whether in fact they have gone beyond one or two days in their initial meeting?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Well the senators at the Council of State Government, which Senator Simpson and Luedtke have sat in on some of these sessions and Senator Savage, they meet one day - elect their officers, find out where the new offices are of the chairman - that's another big item of it, and they do go home. They really don't stay . . . Michigan meets, elects officers and they depart then until the new session. It takes one day.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch. Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, a question of Senator Mahoney please.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Yes sir, Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: I support your amendment but I also am questioning the cost on this. It shows a total cost of \$35,000. Is that in error? The same thing is on number 17. They must have made a mistake, didn't they? Added the two 17,500.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Where's the \$35,000?

SENATOR MARESH: On the fiscal impact, close to the bottom it says based on 1974 costs, it would cost approximately \$35,000. The same thing for number 17, LB 17.

SENATOR MAHONEY: I don't know about constitutional amendment 17.

SENATOR MARESH: I say both of these have the same cost of \$35,000.